

## **Minutes of January 3, 2007, Bankruptcy Court Committee Meeting**

Call to order 12:10 p.m.

- I. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2006 MINUTES. The minutes of the December 2006 meeting were approved subject to the correction that the furniture for the attorney lounge has not been ordered but is soon to be ordered.

### **II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Social - Liz Parrott asked if anyone was interested in replacing her as the chair of the Social Committee. Liz has served as the social chair for a number of years. Liz was recognized for her hard work and was urged by all to continue as the chair. Anyone interested in taking over this committee should contact Lloyd Mueller or Liz Parrott.

The group discussed whether we should have a regular January happy hour or a full "after party" celebrating the recent holidays. Liz suggested the possibility of attending a Predators game as a group and Liz will send out information on group deals for a Predators game. A consensus was reached that the monthly happy hours would be changed to every other month.

- B. Membership - No news reported, please contact Austin McMullen with any suggestions regarding increasing membership.

- C. CLE - Lloyd Mueller announced that he has discussed with Robin White the possibility of round table meetings for CLE.

- D. Legislative - No report.

- E. ECF - No report.

- F. Local Rules - David Houston announced that the Rules that the Local Rules Subcommittee worked on in 2006 will soon go through the formal approval process and a notice of a public hearing should issue soon. The next Local Rules meeting is being scheduled for January 24 at Noon at the Customs House. Anyone interested in participating in the Local Rules committee, please contact David Houston.

- III. NEW BUSINESS - Neal McBrayer announced that the Tennessee Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section is looking for people interested in serving on the Executive Committee. Please contact Neal if interested.

Lloyd Mueller took over as the Chair of the Bankruptcy Court Committee for 2007. He announced that he plans to incorporate into the monthly meetings round table type discussions on topics of interest related to bankruptcy practice. Lloyd would like to have a member of the group present a topic at each meeting. Please contact Lloyd with ideas for topics and to volunteer to present.

Judge Lundin noted that the interim local rules are up for approval to become the new Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. The advisory committee on bankruptcy rules has solicited comments to the interim rules and the comments are due by February 15. Judge Lundin urged the group to send comments to the Advisory Committee.

- IV. DISCUSSION TOPIC - Hank Hildebrand discussed his recent experience testifying in front of Congress regarding the first year of BAPCPA.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS - Maria Salas announced that the furniture for the attorney lounge will be very similar to that of the furniture in the District Court attorney lounge.
- V. PRACTICE POINT - Matt Loughney discussed how to file expedited matters under the new version of the ECF system.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT - The next meeting will be held on February 7 at the NBA offices.